

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-006-G - ORDER NO. 2000-1025
DECEMBER 21, 2000

IN RE: Annual Review of South Carolina Electric) ORDER GRANTING OUT
and Gas Company's Purchased Gas) OF PERIOD
Adjustments and Gas Purchasing Policies) ADJUSTMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of an out-of-period adjustment to the cost of gas component from the current rate of 78.151 cents per therm to 99.340 cents per therm, effective with the first billing cycle in January 2001.

The Company notes that Order No. 88-578 in Docket No. 87-426-G allows it to seek out-of-period adjustments if significant changes in the cost of gas occur. We found such changes to exist in July, 2000 and permitted an out-of-period cost of gas adjustment in Order No. 2000-590, Docket No. 99-006-G. SCE&G believes that the unexpected increase in the cost of natural gas since the issuance of our last SCE&G PGA Order, Order No. 2000-875, is sufficient reason to justify an out-of-period pricing adjustment.

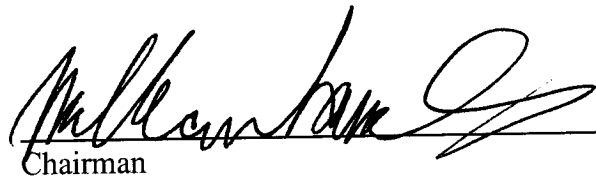
SCE&G has furnished a comparison between the NYMEX prices as they were at the time the Company filed testimony leading to the issuance of Order No. 2000-875 and

the prices published on December 12, 2000. The current average NYMEX price has increased \$1.963 per dekatherm.

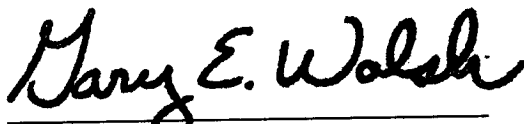
Accordingly, the Company requests that it be allowed to increase its cost of gas component by 21.20 cents per therm, from 78.151 cents per therm to 99.340 cents per therm, effective with the first billing cycle in January 2001. We would note that this increase does not add to SCE&G's margin, but is strictly a pass through of the cost of gas to the Company. Based on the materials submitted by the Company as stated above, we approve the request for an out-of-period adjustment as filed, effective for the first billing cycle in January, 2001.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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